

## House Resolution 612

By: Representative Battles of the 15<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Eli Robert "E.R." Bates, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mr. Eli Robert "E.R." Bates, Jr., on October 28, 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was born in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of the late Robert Bates,  
5 Sr., and Lois Hilderbrand Bates; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty during World War  
7 II, and upon his return home he took over his father's business, Bates Hardware Company,  
8 where he worked until his retirement in 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was active in his trade, belonging to associations such as the Atlanta  
10 Retail Hardware Association and the National Retail Hardware Association, and served as  
11 president of the Northside Business Association and the Georgia-Florida Retail Hardware  
12 Association; and

13 WHEREAS, in honor of his 50 years of dedicated service to the hardware industry, Mr. Bates  
14 was awarded the prestigious Gold Hammer; and

15 WHEREAS, he was devoted to his community and served as a civic leader as a member of  
16 the Cartersville Chamber of Commerce, the Mason Lodge, the Yaraab Shrine Temple, and  
17 the Elks Lodge #1969; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was united in love and marriage for 59 years to his lovely wife  
19 Wynell Hogeland Bates, and he was surrounded by the love of his daughter and son-in-law,  
20 Linda and Chuck Walker; his adoring grandchildren, Tony, Kristy, and Christopher; and his  
21 delightful great-granddaughters, Kayla and Ashlyn; and

22 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated provided the  
23 foundation and framework of success in which all of his family members have developed and  
24 flourished; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Bates will long be remembered for his  
26 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, neighbor, and friend will be  
27 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Eli Robert "E.R."  
30 Bates, Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Bates.